



## DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

03/19/03  
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### PLACEMENTS DOWN 7%

For the week ending March 15, 2003, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva grower houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 7.4% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.4 million) decreased 6.4% from the comparable week in 2002. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 15.0 million, an increase of 1.2% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.4 million for the week ending March 08, 2003 compared to 11.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2002.

### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV. YEAR	CUR. YEAR	PREV. YEAR	CUR. YEAR	PREV. YEAR	CUR. YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
01/18/03	13,978	14,339	11,802	11,592	11,802	11,592
01/25/03	14,382	14,404	11,612	11,741	11,612	11,741
02/01/03	14,841	14,662	11,027	11,744	11,612	11,744
02/08/03	14,876	14,530	11,298	11,769	11,027	11,769
02/15/03	14,966	13,221	11,711	11,842	11,298	11,842
02/22/03	14,797	13,825	12,161	12,044	11,711	12,044
03/01/03	14,767	14,039	12,293	11,906	12,295	11,906
* 03/08/03	14,224	<b>14,829</b>	12,315	<b>10,815</b>	12,293	<b>10,815</b>
03/15/03	14,817	14,995	12,179	11,405	12,317	11,405

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,  
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	03/22/03	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	54.95	55.26	54.74	47.43
12-City Composite 2/	60.89	61.12	60.86	55.70